

Jeff Hastings, Chairman

Inajo Davis Chappell, Board Member

Robert S. Frost, Board Member

David J. Wondolowski, Board Member

Anthony W. Perlatti, Director

Shantiel H. Soeder, Deputy Director

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE¹

DIAL IN NUMBER: 1-646-558-8656

MEETING ID: 627 627 4058

MEETING AGENDA

August 25, 2020

2:00 P.M.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Approval of the minutes from the August 17, 2020 board meeting

BALLOT

- 2. Certification of the Official Results of the August 4, 2020 Special Election:
 - Authorization to approve absentee ballots from the August 4, 2020 Special Election
 - Authorization to approve provisional ballots from the August 4, 2020 Special Election
 - Acknowledgement of the pre & post test results of the vote tabulation system from the August 4, 2020 Special Election
- 3. Acknowledgement of the date, time, and place of the post-election audit for the August 4, 2020 Special Election

CANDIDATE AND PETITION SERVICES

4. Acknowledgement of removal from and appointment to elected office

¹ Video of this meeting can be viewed at youtube.com/cuyahogacountyboe

FISCAL

5. Approval to send the Voter Information Guide for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election

HUMAN RESOURCES

6. Approval of personnel agenda

NEW BUSINESS

- Update on poll worker recruitment
- Update on DS850 purchase
- Update on transition to ".gov" domain
- Update on polling locations
- Update on voting in Senior Assisted Living Facilities
- Update on website accessibility
- Update on Emergency Management Plan

PUBLIC TESTIMONY²

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of personnel issues (to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official) and updates on pending/potential litigation if necessary

 $^{^2\}text{Please email}~\underline{\text{lwalker@cuyahogacounty.us}}$ with your name and the nature of your comment so we can fully assist you.



2020 Board Meeting Schedule

August 2020

Tuesday, August 25th @ 2:00PM

Certification of the Official Results from the August 4th Special Election

September 2020

Certification of Recounts from the August 4th 2020 Special

Election

Monday, September 14th @ 9:30AM Certification of Charter Amendments for the November 3,

2020 Presidential Election

Certification of Remaining Candidates for the November

3, 2020 Presidential Election

Certification of Audits from the August 4th 2020 Special Monday, September 28th @ 9:30AM

Election

October 2020

Monday, October 19th @ 9:30AM

Regular Meeting

November 2020

Tuesday, November 3

November 3rd 2020 Presidential Election

Monday, November 16th @ 9:30AM

Provisional Verification for the November 3rd Presidential

Election

Tuesday, November 24th @ 2:00pm

Certification of Official Results from the November 3rd

Presidential Election

December 2020

Monday, December 14th @ 9:30AM

Certification of Recounts from the November 3rd Presidential Election

Monday, December 28th@ 9:30AM

Certification of Audits from the November 3rd Presidential Election

January 2021

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 20th @ 9:30AM

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Thursday, February 11th @ 9:30AM

Certification of Candidates and Issues for the May 4th Primary Election

March 2021

Thursday, March 11th @ 9:30AM

Certification of Remaining Candidates and Charter Issues for the May 4th Primary Election

April 2021

Monday, April 12th @ 9:30AM

Regular Meeting

May 2021

Tuesday, May 4th

May 4th Primary Election

Monday, May 24th @ 9:30AM

Provisional Verification from the May 4th Primary Election

Friday, May 28th @ 9:30AM

Certification of the Official Results from the May 4^{th} Primary Election

June 2021

Monday, June 14th @ 9:30AM

Certification of Recounts from the May 4th Primary Election

Monday, June 21th @ 9:30AM

Certification of Audits from the May 4th Primary Election



Board Meeting 8-17-2020

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH H.B. 197, 133rd G.A. §12 (2020)

Attending:

Jeff Hastings, Chairman
David Wondolowski, Member
Rob Frost, Member/via teleconference
Inajo Davis Chappell, Member/via teleconference
Anthony W. Perlatti, Director
Shantiel Soeder, Deputy Director
Mark R. Musson, Assistant Prosecutor, Cuyahoga County/ via teleconference
Anthony Alto, Clerk to the Board/via teleconference
Linda Walker, Clerk to the Board/via teleconference

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections Meeting began at 9:30 am. Hereinafter referred to as the CCBOE/Board.

Chairman Hastings noted that Board Members Wondolowski, Director Perlatti, Deputy Director Soeder, and he were present in person. Board Members Chappell and Frost were present via teleconference.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of minutes from the July 13, 2020 board meeting

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2020 board meeting. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. Board Member Frost made a friendly amendment to amend the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

Agenda Item 2: Acknowledgement of Secretary of State Directives 2020-12, 2020-13, 2020-14, 2020-15, and 2020-16

Board Member Chappell asked how staff plan to manage the traffic flow for curbside voting.

Director Perlatti stated that he is working with local police and fire departments to

Narrative that is underlined in the CCBOE minutes relate to a motion that was acted on by the Board.

determine best practices. Board Member Chappell also asked to place information of curbside voting prominently on the website.

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge Secretary of State Directives 2020-12, 2020-13, 2020-14, 2020-15 and, 2020-16. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of Resolution in Recognition of Jane B. Sheats, former Chairwoman of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

Board Member Chappell read the resolution on the record.

<u>Chairman Hastings moved to adopt the Resolution in Recognition of Jane B. Sheats, former Chairwoman of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Agenda Item 4: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the August 4, 2020 Special Election

Registration Manager Betty Edwards stated that there were three provisional ballots issued and confirmed to be valid during the August 4th Special Election.

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the validity of provisional ballots and authorize counting the provisional ballots from the August 4, 2020 Special Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Acknowledgement of disposal of 135 ES&S AutoMARK ballot marking devices

Director Perlatti stated that the CCBOE's inventory of ES&S AutoMARK units were purchased when the County had many more polling locations than currently. A substantial number of AutoMARK units have not been used in recent elections nor have they been covered by the ES&S service agreement for years. ES&S does not manufacture this equipment anymore, therefore the extra non-working units have no resale value. CCBOE intends to have the balance of the non-working units destroyed by North Coast Recycling, the County's recycling vendor.

<u>Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the disposal of 135 ES&S AutoMARK ballot marking devices. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Agenda Item 6: Certification of remaining candidates for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

Brent Lawler provided a brief overview of the hearing. Petitioner, Richard, a.k.a. "Rocky", Neal filed a valid petition to be certified to the ballot as a candidate for State Board of Education District 11. Mr. Neal appeared on the ballot five times previously as "Richard Neale". This year Mr. Neal asks to be placed on the ballot as Richard "Rocky" Neale. Staff maintains that per the Ohio Elections Officials Manual and Secretary of State Directive 2019-27 a candidate cannot use a nickname on the ballot. Staff is bringing this issue before the Board for review.

Chairman Hastings stated that the Board package contained documents from Mr. Neal showing that he is often referred to as "Rocky". APA Musson stated that although the Elections Officials Manual prohibits nicknames, it does allow for use of derivatives of their legal name. Courts have also found that use of a non-legal name is permissible if that is how the candidate is generally known. However, a candidate cannot use a non-legal name to manipulate or deceive voters. If the Board finds that either "Rocky" is a derivative of "Richard", or that "Rocky" is how Mr. Neal is generally known by, and that the intent is not to deceive or manipulate voters, then they have the discretion to allow the non-legal name on the ballot.

Mr. Neal was placed under oath and testified that ever since he was a child he has always been known as "Rocky", not "Richard". Mr. Neal provided letters from various companies and organizations referring to him as "Rocky" Neal.

Board Member Wondolowski stated that he is satisfied with the evidence provided that Mr. Neal is known as "Rocky".

Chairman Hastings stated that he's known Mr. Neal for over 40 years and has always known him as "Rocky". He asked Mr. Neal if he is asking the Board to place him on the ballot as Richard "Rocky", or just "Rocky". Mr. Neal responded that he is asking for just "Rocky".

Board Woman Chappell asked Mr. Neal why he wants to change his name on the ballot now whereas he previously ran as Richard Neal. He replied that he didn't pay much attention to it before because he always ran unopposed, and CCBOE staff directed him to use his legal name.

Board Member Wondolowski moved to allow Mr. Neal to be placed as Rocky Neal on the ballot. Chairman Hastings seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hastings moved to certify the remaining candidates for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election as recommended by staff. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7: Certification of remaining issues for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

Candidate and Petition Services Manager Brent Lawler provided a brief overview of the hearing. Petitioner, Meijers Store 321, submitted 270 signatures for a local option. The local issue requires 240 valid signatures. Staff found 239 to be valid. Corey Columbo, on behalf of Petitioner argued that five signatures that staff invalidated should be found valid. Staff is presenting this issue for Board review.

Chairman Hastings stated that the Board has reviewed the filings and documents from the Petitioner, the Board, and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney ("APA") Mark Musson.

Chairman Hastings asked Mr. Columbo to present his argument.

Mr. Columbo stated that a signer, Rachel Kopeck, signed the petition with her maiden name, rather than her married name. It was noted that on the basis of case law, both Ohio's courts and the Secretary of State have held that when a Board of Elections rejects a signature, they may return and validate it if it finds that the voter affirms his/her signature. Mr. Columbo has presented the Board with an affidavit from Rachel Kopeck testifying to the authenticity of her signature.

Board Member Wondolowski moved to validate Ms. Kopek's signature. Chairman Hastings Seconded.

APA Mark Musson stated that the standard is clear and convincing evidence. The CCBOE may consider an affidavit, and it has discretion to accept or reject the signature.

Chairwoman Chappell stated that Ms. Kopek did identify herself as the signer, and that the standard is satisfied. Thus, she supports the motion.

Board Member Frost stated that he also supports the motion for the same reasons as stated by Board Member Chappell <u>The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Agenda Item 8: Acknowledgement of withdrawal of candidates for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the withdrawal of candidates for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 9: Acknowledgement of resignations from and appointments to elected office

Chairman Hastings moved to acknowledge the resignations from and appointments to elected office.

Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10: Approval of vouchers

Fiscal Manager Kendra Zusy stated that the voucher for item #1 is a license renewal. APA Musson stated that he reviewed the contract.

<u>Chairman Hastings moved to approve the vouchers as recommended by staff. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Agenda Item 11: Approval to purchase two DS850 Central Count Ballot Scanners

Director Perlatti stated that the Ohio Secretary of State ("SOS") Frank LaRose encouraged boards of elections to purchase more ballot scanning equipment in anticipation for high absentee voting numbers. They expect to scan over 1 million pages, and these machines have the capacity to handle the heavy load.

<u>Chairman Hastings moved to approve the purchase two DS850 Central Count Ballot Scanners.</u>
Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Chappell asked about the warranties, liabilities, and remedies for the refurbished machines. APA Musson commented on the warranties, liabilities, and the need to balance the benefit of the purchase against the risk in light of the accelerated timeline of the election. This purchase does include a maintenance agreement.

Agenda Item 12: Approval of personnel agenda

Chairman Hastings moved to approve the personnel agenda as provided in the meeting materials.

Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Director Perlatti provided an update for the November General Election. He stated that staff has redrawn all polling location diagrams taking into account social distancing guidelines. They were able to reconfigure most locations with less than a thirty percent loss of voting booths. Some precincts will be moved out of locations in order to meet social distancing guidelines. The CCBOE will not be using senior citizen residential facilities as polling locations. Board Member Chappell asked that all information regarding polling location changes be prominently displayed on our website.

Director Perlatti stated that staff has received a significant number of poll worker applications from new applicants. Election Officials Department Manager Henry Curtis will provide an update at the next board meeting.

Director Perlatti stated that the CCBOE is participating in a voter registration drive with a group of female mayors in honor of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Board Member Chappell stated that she and Director Perlatti spoke to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association ("CMBA") about working on Election Day. She thanked Director Perlatti for his contributions to the discussions.

<u>Chairman Hastings moved to recess at 10:53am. Board Member Wondolowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Certification: I have reviewed the above minutes and certify that they are an accurate summary of the actions taken by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at its meeting held on August 17, 2020.

Jeff Hastings, Chairman

Inajo Davis Chappell, Member

Robert S. Frost, Member

David J. Wondolowski, Member

Anthony Perlatti, Director



August 4, 2020 Special Election Official Canvass Certification Data

FINAL RESULTS

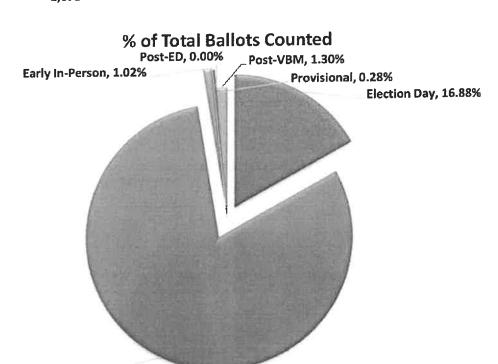
Official Election Results for the August 4, 2020 Special Election are attached to the Election Summary Report.

SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

There were a total of 1,078 ballots tabulated for the August 4, 2020 Special Election. Below is a breakdown of the ballots counted by category and a percentage of the total vote by category.

Catalgory	क्षांगुड दुवस	% of Total Ballots Columned
Election Day	182	16.88%
Vote-by-Mail	868	80.52%
Early In-Person	11	1.02%
Provisional	3	0.28%
Post-ED	0	0.00%
Post-VBM	14	1.30%

Total 1,078



Vote-by-Mail, 80.52%

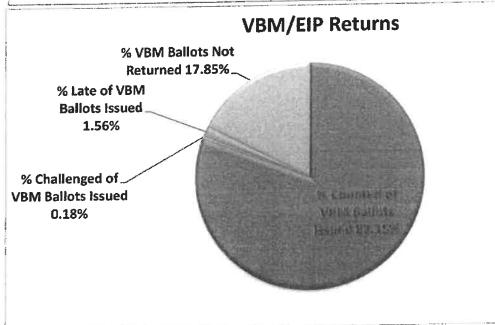


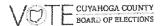
VOTE BY MAIL/EARLY IN-PERSON SUMMARY

VBM/EIP Data	Vote by Mail	Early In-Person	Military and Overseas	Total
Issued	1,068	11	8	1,087
Returned and Counted	882	11	0	893
Challenged	2 2	0	0	2
Returned Late	17	0	0	17
Not Returned	186	0	8	194

VBM/EIP Data - Challenge Rate	
Overall Return Rate	83.90%
Challenge Rate (Total)	2.08%
Challenge Rate (Late Removed)	0.22%

VBM/EIP Ballots Challenged	Number of Challenged Ballots	% of Total Challenged VBM
No ballot returned in ID envelope	2	100.00%
Registration address and AV ID envelope address do not match	0	0.00%
ID does not match Registration	0	0.00%
ID Envelope not completed	0	0.00%
ID Envelope not returned	0	0.00%
No identification	0	0.00%
No signature	0	0.00%
No Stub on ballot	0	0.00%
Signature does not match Registration	0	0.00%
Wrong voter completed ID Envelope	0	0.00%
Total	2	The state of the s





PROVISIONAL VOTING SUMMARY

A total of 3 Provisional Ballots were cast during the August 4, 2020 Special Election. There were 0 during Early In-Person Voting at the Board of Elections and 3 on Election Day. Of those ballots, 3 (100%) were valid and tabulated by the Ballot Department. There were 0 invalid Provisional Ballots, resulting in a 0% rejection rate for this election.

Provisional Data		
Total Provisional Ballots Cast	3	
Valid Provisional Ballots (includes Correct Location & APRI remakes)	3	100.00%
Wrong Precinct, Correct Location of Valid Provisionals	0	0.00%
Rejected Provisional Ballots	0	0.00%

BALLOT REMAKES

During the election, 0 ballot sheets were processed in accordance with the CCBOE Remake Policy (approved by the Board on May 17, 2013). The overall remake rate for this election was 0.0%.

OVER VOTES

There was a total of 0 over votes recorded, resulting in a 0.0% over vote rate for the election.

VOTER HISTORY

Sixteen (16) precincts were involved in this election. Voter History will be applied in DIMS after the Certification Meeting.

RECOUNTS

There are 0 automatic recounts for this election.

The requested recount deadline is Monday, August 31st at 4:00PM.

AUDIT

The post-election audit will be conducted beginning Wednesday, September 2nd at 9:00AM.

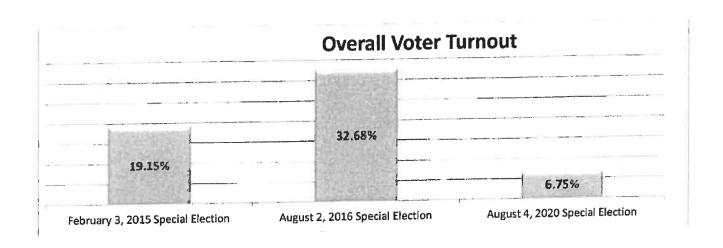
The audit will be conducted using the batch-based risk-limiting audit method.



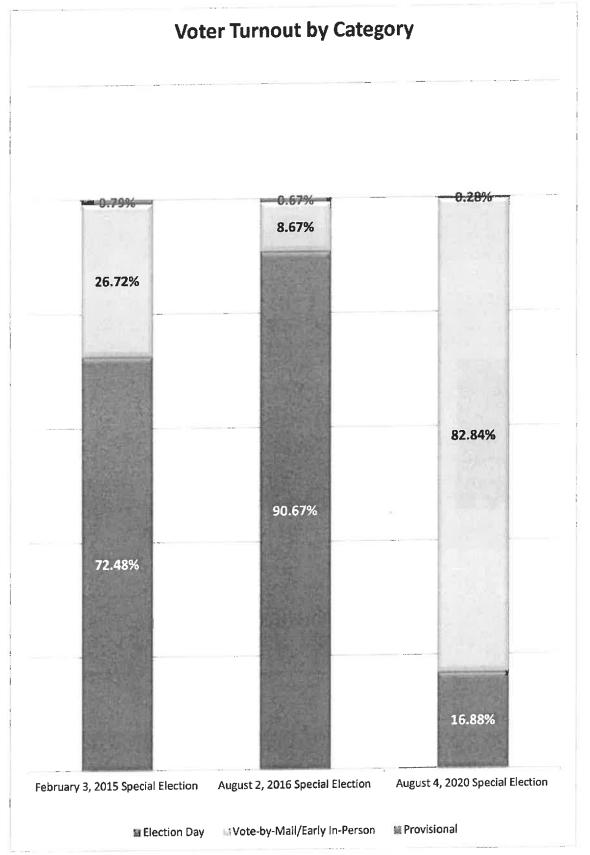
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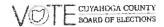
The following data sets and graphs include comparisons related to election information and voting method distributions (ballot categories).

	February 3, 2015 Special Election	August 2, 2016 Special Election	August 4, 2020 Special Election
Precincts	23	1	16
Registered Voters	21,045	459	15,975
Ballots Cast - Counted	4,030	150	1,078
Election Day	2,921	136	182
Vote-by-Mail	1,004	10	868
Early In-Person	Included in Vote- by-Mail Category	Included in Vote- by-Mail Category	11
Provisional	32	1	3
Post-Election Day	0	0	0
Post VBM	73	3	14
Voter Turnout	19,15%	32.68%	6.75%



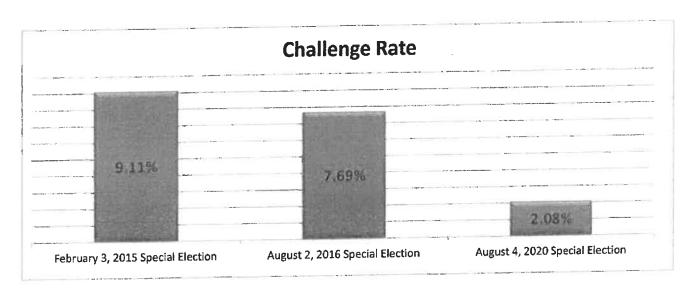


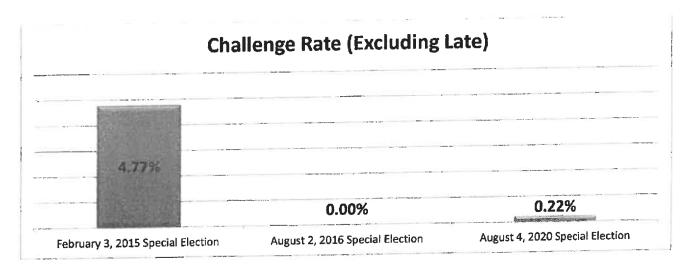


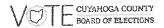


Vote-by-Mail/Early In-Person Data

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Total VBM Ballots Returned	1,131	13	912
VBM Ballots Counted	1,077	13	893
VBM Ballots Challenged	103	1	19
Late VBM Ballots	49	1	17
% Returned of VBM Ballots Issued	86.34%	92.86%	83.90%
% Counted of VBM Ballots Returned	95.23%	100.00%	97.92%
% Challenged of VBM Ballots Returned	9.11%	7.69%	2.08%
% Late of VBM Ballots (ssued	3.74%	7.14%	1.56%
% Challenge Rate Excluding Late	4.77%	0.00%	0.22%

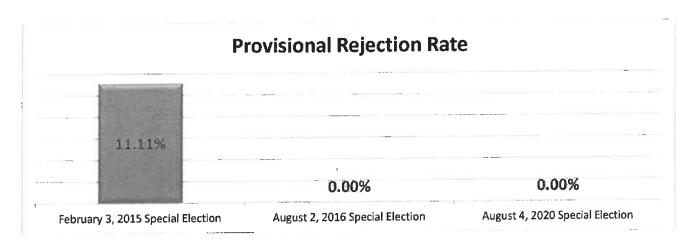


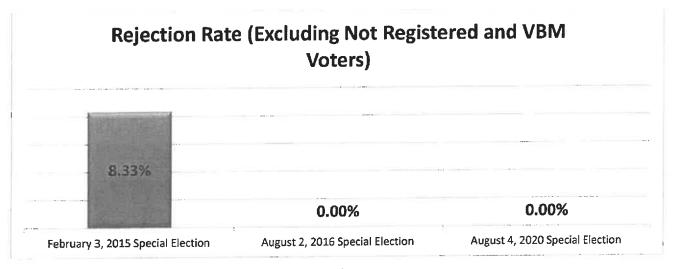




Provisional Data

	February 3, 2015 Special Election	August 2, 2016 Special Election	August 4, 2020 Special Election
Provisional Ballots - CAST	36	1	3
Provisional Ballots - VALID	32	1	3
Provisional Ballots - REJECTED	4	0	0
% Valid of All Provisional Ballots Cast	88.89%	100.00%	100.00%
% Rejected of All Provisional Ballots Cast	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%
VBM Voters	0	0	0
Not Registered In The State of Ohio	1	0	0
Wrong Precinct and Correct Location	0	0	0
Correct Location Remakes	0	0	0
% Rejected Not Including VBM & Not Registered	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%
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August 4, 2020 Special Election Official Certification of Results Signature Form

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Elections of County indicated below, do hereby certify that the Official Results of the Election (county specific and most-populous, if applicable) are valid and accurate, and the number of voters aligns with the number of ballots counted and cast.

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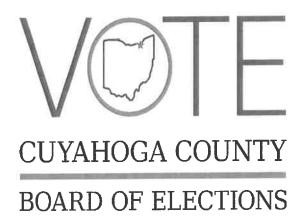
The Board must complete and sign, scan, and email the signed form to Results@OhioSoS.gov along with the Official Vote Total Summary Report.



AUGUST 4, 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION

PRE & POST TESTS





August 4, 2020 Primary Election Pre & Post Test Results

	Sign Off Sheet
2	Expected Results
3	Initial Zero Reports
4	Results Reports
5	Conclusion Zero Reports



August 4, 2020 Special Election

Election Pre & Post Test Acknowledgement Form – Results

Jeff Hastings

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Removal from Elected Office

1. Jack Petsche, Brecksville City Council, Member of Council¹

Appointment to Elected Office

1. Daryl Kingston, Brecksville City Council, Member of Council

¹ Term ends 1/1/2022; no special election required.

Removal of Councilmember & Replacement

Tabor, Tammy <ttabor@brecksville.oh.us>

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To: Jen.Boger@ethics.ohio.gov < Jen.Boger@ethics.ohio.gov>; Cory Milne < cmilne@cuyahogacounty.us>

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20200804 R 5065 Findings of Facts & Conclusions JP.PDF; 20200804 R 5065 EXHIBIT Petsche Removal Findings of Fact and Conclusions...pdf; 20200721 Council Minutes.pdf; 20200818 R 5067 Appoint D. Kingston to Council.pdf;

Good Afternoon,

Brecksville City Council removed Councilmember Jack Petsche from office on July 21, 2020 as referred to in the motion on Page 7 of the July 21, 2020 Council Minutes. I have also attached legislation related to that removal. Daryl Kingston was appointed to fill the unexpired term, ending January 1, 2022. I have attached documentation of those proceedings.

Daryl Kingston 6982 Crystal Creek Brecksville, Ohio 44141 (440) 384-7406 E-Mail: dkingston123@msn.com

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Tammy Tabor Clerk of Council City of Brecksville 9069 Brecksville Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141 Phone 440-526-2609

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RESOLUTION RECORD

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW REGARDING REMOVAL OF JOHN (JACK) PETSCHE FROM CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 21, 2020, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Brecksville, a public hearing was conducted regarding the charges for removal of City of Brecksville City Councilmember John (Jack) Petsche from his office as a Member of City Council of the City of Brecksville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Brecksville, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding the removal of John (Jack) Petsche from City Council of the City of Brecksville hereby are adopted, a copy of said Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law being attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof by reference, and marked Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. The Council declares this Resolution to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the reason for the emergency is the need to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, therefore, said Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: August 4, 2020

APPROVED: August 4, 2020

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EXHIBIT "A"

IN THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE, OHIO CITY COUNCIL

In re: Removal of John (Jack) Petsche from City Council of the City of Brecksville

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

On July 21, 2020, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Brecksville, a public hearing was conducted regarding the charges for removal of City of Brecksville City Councilmember John (Jack) Petsche ("Mr. Petsche") from his office as a Member of City Council of the City of Brecksville. During the public hearing, City Council of the City of Brecksville heard sworn testimony and received evidence submitted by the City of Brecksville and Mr. Petsche. Upon consideration of all such evidence, City Council makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

- 1. Mr. Petsche was duly elected by the electorate of the City of Brecksville in November 2017 to serve as a member of City Council of the City of Brecksville. On January 2, 2018, Mr. Petsche took an Oath of Office solemnly swearing and affirming that he "shall uphold the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, the Charter, Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of Brecksville, and that [he] shall faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge [his] duties as: A MEMBER OF BRECKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL during [his] term of office..."
- 2. Mr. Petsche has received training and education regarding compliance with the City Charter and the laws of the State of Ohio. He is an attorney licensed to practice law in Ohio. In his capacity as a member of City Council, Mr. Petsche received a copy of the City of Brecksville's Employee Handbook describing his obligations and responsibilities pertaining to compliance with the City Charter and Ohio law. Of note, the City of Brecksville's Employee Handbook reads in pertinent part:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The City requires the highest standards of ethical and legal conduct of every employee. Adherence to this standard is vitally important because the activities of any employee may affect the City's reputation and public confidence in its integrity.

It is each employee's responsibility to recognize and avoid any situation that might involve a conflict of interest. For guidance, the following are examples of typical conflict of interest situations and the City's position on each example. City employees may not dispense special favors or privileges to

anyone, whether or not for financial or personal gain; and may never accept favors or benefits under circumstances which might be construed as influencing the performance of the employee's duties for the City.

Information gained in the performance of City duties may not be used as a means of making private profit, nor may such information be divulged to unauthorized persons.

ETHICS

Statement:

It is the policy of the City of Brecksville to carry out its mission in accordance with the highest ethical standards and to ensure that all city employees conduct themselves in a manner that fosters public confidence in the integrity of the operation of the Brecksville city government.

General Standard of Ethical Conduct:

Employees must, at all times, abide by the Ohio's ethics laws, including those contained in Chapters 102 and 2921 of the Ohio Revised Code. Employees must conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that avoids favoritism, bias, and the appearance of impropriety.

A general summary of the restraints placed upon the conduct of all city employees is listed below. This summary is not, however, exhaustive. City employees shall not:

- Solicit anything of value from anyone doing business with the city;
- Accept anything of value from anyone doing business with the city;
- Use their position with the city to obtain a benefit for themselves, a family member, or anyone with whom the city employee has a business or employment relationship;
- Accept any form of compensation for personal services rendered on any matter, the review or approval of which is before the city or any of its boards or commissions;
- Derive any economic benefit from any contract with, authorized by, or approved by the city;

 Use or disclose any information the confidentiality of which is protected by law.

For purposes of this policy:

"Anything of value" includes anything of monetary value, including, but not limited to money, gifts, food or beverages, social event tickets and expenses, travel expenses, golf outings, consulting fees, compensation, or employment. "Value" means worth greater than de minimis or nominal.

Penalties:

Failure of any employee to abide by this city policy or the Ohio Ethics Law or related statutes may result in disciplinary action including dismissal as well as civil or criminal prosecution.

- 3. Throughout Mr. Petsche's tenure as a member of City Council, he was the owner of USA Roofing, Inc., a roofing contractor organized under the laws of the State of Ohio.
- 4. Article IV, Section 2, of the Charter of the City of Brecksville provides:

QUALIFICATIONS. Each member of Council shall have been for at least two years immediately prior to the date of his election and during his term of office shall continue to be, a resident in this municipality and qualified elector thereof. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, no member of Council shall hold any other municipal office or municipal employment in this municipality. He shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, contract for, receive, or be interested in any profit or emolument from or on account of any contract, job, work, or service with or for the municipality.

- 5. At all times relevant, Mr. Petsche was aware of and understood this provision of the Charter, Ohio's Ethics Laws, and the provisions of the City of Brecksville Employee Handbook addressing conflicts of interest and ethical conduct. Mr. Petsche was aware of the consequences for failing to comply with the Charter, Ohio's Ethics Laws, and the Employee Handbook.
- 6. As a member of City Council, Mr. Petsche had knowledge that the City Council of the City of Brecksville was planning to vote to authorize the use of public money to fund the construction of the City of Brecksville's Aquatic Center (the "Aquatic Center Project").
- 7. Mr. Petsche had knowledge that Seitz Builders, Inc. was submitting a bid proposal to serve as the General Contractor for the Aquatic Center Project.

- 8. On May 1, 2019, during Mr. Petsche's term as a member of City Council, Mr. Petsche on behalf of USA Roofing, Inc., submitted a bid proposal to Seitz Builders, Inc., to act as a subcontractor on the Aquatic Center Project and install the roof for the City's Aquatic Center for an estimated total of \$243,528.00.
- 9 On May 3, 2019, Seitz Builders, Inc. submitted a bid proposal to be the General Contractor for the Aquatic Center Project.
- 10. On May 6, 2019, Mr. Petsche wrote several emails to Seitz Builders, Inc., further soliciting the work as the roofing subcontractor for the Aquatics Center Project, stating that he lived in Brecksville, and stating that he had some "flexibility" in the \$243,528.00 bid proposal he had previously submitted to Seitz Builders, Inc.
- 11. Seitz Builders, Inc. provided the City of Brecksville with a list of proposed subcontractors for the Aquatics Center Project. The list included USA Roofing, Inc.
- 12. On or about May 13, 2019, City of Brecksville Purchasing Director, Rebecca Riser, discovered that Seitz Builders, Inc. submitted their bid naming USA Roofing, Inc. as the roofing subcontractor for the Aquatic Center Project.
- 13. On May 13, 2019, City of Brecksville Purchasing Director, Rebecca Riser, contacted Seitz Builders, Inc. and advised them that their submission could not proceed unless USA Roofing, Inc. was removed as a subcontractor.
- 14. As part of the resubmission, Seitz Builders, Inc. removed USA Roofing, Inc. as a subcontractor.
- 15. On May 27, 2019, at a special meeting of the Brecksville City Council, Ordinance 5244 was adopted by the City Council accepting the bid of Seitz Builders, Inc. for the Aquatic Center Project.
- 16. On June 4, 2019, at a regular meeting of the Brecksville City Council, while discussing an Ordinance (Ord. 5248) relating to design and construction of the Aquatic Center Project, Mr. Petsche admitted that he, on behalf of his company, USA Roofing, Inc., bid on the roof for the Aquatic Center Project.
- On June 9, 2020, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office received a true Bill of Indictment from the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury which indicted Mr. Petsche for Three (3) Counts of Having An Unlawful Interest in a Public Contract, and One (1) Count of

Attempted Having An Unlawful Interest in a Public Contract. Each of the foregoing charges are felonies under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.42.

- 18. One of the four Felony Charges is the charge of Attempted Having An Unlawful Interest in a Public Contract, which concerns the conduct of Mr. Petsche as it relates to the USA Roofing, Inc. bid to Seitz Builders, Inc. for the Aquatic Center Project.
- 19. Article IV, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Brecksville provides:

REMOVAL.

The Council shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members. It may expel or remove any member for gross misconduct or malfeasance or nonfeasance in or disqualification for office, or upon conviction while in office of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude, or for violation of his oath of office, or persistent failure to abide by the rules of Council, or absence without justifiable excuse from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of Council, provided that such expulsion or removal shall be upon the concurrence of five (5) or more members of Council after public hearing upon the charge or charges brought; and provided, further, that the accused member shall have been notified in writing of the charge or charges against him at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such public hearing; and provided further that he or his counsel shall have been given an opportunity to be heard, and examine witnesses appearing in support of such charge or charges.

The decision of Council in expelling or removing a member of Council after compliance with this section shall be final and thereupon the office of any such removed or expelled member of Council shall be vacant.

- 20. On June 16, 2020, Mr. Petsche was personally served with written notice of City Council's intent to conduct a public hearing on July 21, 2020 to expel or remove Mr. Petsche from City Council based upon the alleged conduct described in the charging document that was personally served upon Mr. Petsche.
- 21. On July 21, 2020 and continuing into the early hours of July 22, 2020, Council conducted a public hearing regarding the expulsion or removal of Mr. Petsche from City Council. The hearing proceeded in accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of the Charter and the Procedures for Hearing of Removal Charges, which were adopted by Council before the removal hearing was conducted. A transcript of the public hearing and all evidentiary

submissions and rulings are fully incorporated into these findings of fact and conclusions of law.

- 22. After all evidence was heard and submitted to Council in the public hearing, Council adjourned to executive session to deliberate regarding the evidence presented and arguments made by the City and Mr. Petsche during the public hearing. Council returned from executive session and a motion to remove Mr. Petsche from his position as a member of City Council passed by a vote of five yeas in favor of removal of Mr. Petsche to two nays against removal of Mr. Petsche. Thereafter, Council passed a motion instructing legal counsel to memorialize Council's vote with written findings of fact and conclusions of law. The public hearing was then adjourned.
- 23. Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, and the other evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the City Council of the City of Brecksville finds and concludes:
 - a. Mr. Petsche, while a duly elected Member of City Council for the City of Brecksville, directly or indirectly, solicited, attempted to contract for, receive, and secure an interest in a profit or emolument from or on account of a contract, job, work, or service with or for the municipality, namely the Aquatics Center Project. By engaging in this conduct, Mr. Petsche violated Article IV, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Brecksville and is disqualified from holding the elected office of member of City Council of the City of Brecksville. Council has determined that it is therefore appropriate, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the City Charter, to remove Mr. Petsche from City Council.
 - b. Mr. Petsche violated his Oath of Office as a member of City Council of the City of Brecksville, and pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Brecksville, Mr. Petsche should be removed from office.
 - c. Mr. Petsche's conduct has caused continuing and substantial harm to the City and City Council, including, but not limited to: an erosion of the public's confidence and trust in City Council and the City of Brecksville's government as a whole; substantial reputational harm to City Council and the City of Brecksville's government as a whole; unnecessary and wasteful uses of the time, attention, and resources of City Council and other City employees and officials; a distraction from the many good and positive contributions City Council and the City of Brecksville government are making in the community; and the continuing expenditure of public funds for professional fees and expenses associated with Mr. Petsche's conduct. Lastly, this Council does not wish to set a precedent of allowing outright and significant violations of an elected official's Oath of Office and the City Charter to

be left unaddressed, and to do anything less than remove Mr. Petsche from City Council would be tantamount to supporting Mr. Petsche's violations of his Oath of Office and the City Charter. This Council does not countenance self-dealing and unlawful behavior from Mr. Petsche or any other member of Council.

- d. Mr. Petsche's conduct, as established at the public hearing, constitutes clear and substantial misconduct, and it would be harmful to the public welfare if his presence in office as a member City Council were to continue. Therefore, Mr. Petsche should be removed from office as a member of City Council.
- 24. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 4, of the Charter of the City of Brecksville, Council is exercising its authority to remove Mr. Petsche from City Council. This decision is final, effective immediately upon the passage of a resolution adopting these findings of fact and conclusions of law as the decision of City Council.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the following members of City Council of the City of Brecksville affirm their vote in favor of removal of Mr. Petsche from City Council of the City of Brecksville:

Michael Harwood, President of Council	Laura Redinger Vice President of Council	
Lou Carouse, Jr.	Dominic Caruso	
Kim Veras		

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RESOLUTION RECORD

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

Resolution No.	5067
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A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DARYL KINGSTON TO FILL THE VACANT COUNCIL OFFICE LEFT BY THE REMOVAL OF JACK PETSCHE FOR THE TERM ENDING JANUARY 1, 2022; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Jack Petsche was removed from his office as a City of Brecksville Council Member, effective July 22, 2020, for the term ending January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 731.43 provides that the vacancy shall be filled by election by the legislative authority for the unexpired term. If the legislative authority fails within thirty days to fill such vacancy, the Mayor shall fill it by appointment, and

WHEREAS, the Council interviewed persons interested in filling the vacancy and who meet the qualifications required by Ohio Revised Code Section 731.13.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Brecksville, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby appoints Daryl Kingston to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, or until January 1, 2022, left by the removal of Jack Petsche.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of the City of Brecksville is hereby directed to notify the Ohio Secretary of State and the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections of the removal of Jack Petsche and the appointment of Dary Kingston to fill the unexpired term.

SECTION 3. The Council declares this Resolution to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the reason for the emergency being that said appointment is necessary to timely fill the Council vacancy, therefore, said Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: August 18, 2020

APPROVED: August 18, 2020

I do hereby earlify that the foregoing is a tree and correct copy of Resolution No. SO/O staty passed by the Council of the City of Bracksville, ONIO, on SO/O and that same was duly possed in accordance with the existing Charles of the City of Bracksville, on SO/O 20

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Memorandum

To:

Anthony W. Perlatti, Director

Shantiel Soeder, Deputy Director

From:

Kendra Zusy, Fiscal Manager

Date:

August 20, 2020

RE:

Voter Information Guide for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election

We plan to send a voter information guide to all registered voters for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election.

The voter information guide has not been finalized yet, but will include the following information:

- Specific information regarding public health protection, including sanitizing and social distancing guidelines related to COVID-19 protocols;
- How to request a vote by mail application;
- Early voting dates and hours at the Board of Elections;
- The voter's Election Day poll location and voting hours;
- Identification requirements for voting on Election Day;

Early In-Person voting begins on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The voter information guide will be mailed approximately one week before early voting begins.

The estimated cost for printing and mailing 860,000 voter information guides is provided below. Necessary funds are available in the 2020 BOE General Election Budget:

Printing	\$ 27,442.60
Mailing	\$ 16,177.75
Postage	\$ 67,483.43
Total Cost	\$111,103.78

An unrestricted, informal bid was sent to all Cuyahoga County registered vendors through BuySpeed Procurement system. The bid closing is Monday, August 24, 2020.

Your official election information November 3, 2020 General Election

Important Election Information

Presidential General Election

Vote from Home (Vote-by-Mail) is the convenient way to cast your ballot from home and eliminate health concerns.

During Early In-Person voting and Election Day voting the Board of Elections will implement health and safety measures to protect voters and election workers including:

- Wearing masks and face shields
- · Routinely cleaning all frequently touched surfaces
- Practicing social distancing

Voting at the polls on Election Day will look different than in the past:

- Wearing a mask will be required.
- Expect lines to appear longer than normal. This doesn't mean there are issues. This will be due to social distancing.

Voting before Election Day



All voters can Vote from Home!

- Submit a ballot application to Vote from Home. You can print or request an application online at www.443vote.us or by calling 216-443-VOTE (8683).
- We will mail your ballot to you with a return envelope.
- Vote your ballot and return it before Election Day.
- Use the Track My Ballot tool on our website to track your ballot application and ballot throughout the process!

Voters will receive ballot applications from the Ohlo Secretary of State. You do not need to submit more than one ballot application.

Voting at the Board of Elections (Bring ID)



The Board is located at 2925 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. Voting dates and hours are below:

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Weekdays	Oct 6 - Oct 16	.8 am to 5 pm
Weekdays	Oct 19 - Oct 23	8 am to 6 pm
Saturday	Oct 24	8 am to 4 pm
Sunday	Oct 25	1 pm to 5 pm
Weekdays	Oct 26 - Oct 30	8 am to 7 pm
Saturday	Oct 31	8 am to 4 pm
Sunday	Nov 1	1 pm to 5 pm
Monday	Nov 2	8 am to 2 pm



2925 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115

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Voting on Election Day

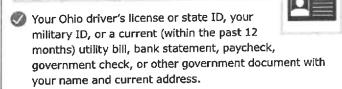
Your voting location is:

(su lugar de votación)

Voting hours: Your voting location will be open on Election Day from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm

Check in at any of the pollbooks at your location!
To receive your ballot, you must first show your ID to the election officials and then sign the pollbook.

What ID should I bring?



Your passport or any notice from a Board of Elections, including this postcard, is <u>NOT</u> an acceptable form of ID for voting purposes.

For more information check out our website www.443VOTE.us.

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